

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2321

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INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0059

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IS, LE, SY

SUBJECT: LEBANESE-SYRIAN CONSULTATIONS

REF: DAMASCUS 0045

1. PUBLICATION JANUARY 7 NEWSPAPERS IN DAMASCUS WAS  
DELAYED SEVERAL HOURS PRESUMABLY TO PERMIT TOP LEVEL  
REVIEW PLANNED COVERAGE SYRO-LEBANESE SUMMIT.

2. ONLY ITEM INDICATING SARG CENSORSHIP WAS  
DELETION FROM STATEMENT MADE BY SRYAIN MINISTER  
OF INFORMATION, ISKENDER AHMAD, WHICH AS CARRIED IN  
BEIRUT DAILY STAR AFFIRMED "THE RESULTS (OF THE CONFERENCE) WILL  
LAY DOWN CLEAR PRINCIPLES FOR THE FUTURE, AS WELL AS FOR  
PRACTICAL RELATIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, PARTICULARLY IN  
THE FIELD OF POLITICS, ECONOMY AND DEFENSE." STATEMENT  
AS PUBLISHED IN SYRIA'S OWN PRESS REFERRED ONLY TO  
CEMENTING SYRO-LEBANESE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS.  
GENERAL REFERENCES THAT ANY AGGRESSION ON LEBANON WOULD  
BE CONSIDERED AGGRESSION ON SYRIA AS WELL WAS HOWEVER, PUBLISHED.  
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THRUST OF DAMASCUS PRESS COMMENT CONTINUES TO BE THAT SYRIA WILL

"RESPOND" TO ALL LEBANESE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

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